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II—Reserve Funds. 3,837,047.
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Sinking Fund Account. 128,230.
223,970,387.
Revenue Fire Branch. 2,381,456.
Life and Annuity. 2,141,663.
Revenue Marine Department. 337,239.
Other Receipts. 478,941.
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THE WAR.
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We are courteously informed that a private wire received this
morning from Shanghai states that the French wireless station
(which is now in direct communication with France) has received
a message announcing that Germany, Austria-Hungary and
Turkey have asked the Entente Powers for an armistice.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 6.
The German Chancellor has announced in the Reichstag
that he sent a Note to President Wilson, through
the Swiss Government on Friday night, requesting President
Wilson to take up the question of bringing about Peace and
to communicate on the subject with the other belligerents.

**SPEECH BY NEW GERMAN
CHANCELLOR.**
**DEMOCRATISATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT.**
**UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF
REICHSTAG PEACE RESOLUTION.**
**PEACE WITH HONOUR
WANTED.**
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 6.
The new Chancellor, Prince Max
of Baden, speaking in the Reichstag
on the 5th inst., said that by the
Imperial decree of September 30th
the Empire's political leadership had
undergone fundamental alteration.
In accordance with the methods of
Government he now introduced, and
submitted to the Reichstag publicly
and without delay the principles on
which he proposed to conduct his
gravely responsible office. These
principles had been firmly established
in agreement with the federated
governments and the leaders of the
Majority parties in the Reichstag
before he decided to assume the
Chancellorship. Hence they con-
tained not merely his confession of
political faith but that of the over-
whelming portion of the German
nation. Only the knowledge that the
majority of the people supported
him gave him strength to undertake
the conduct of the Empire's affairs
in the present hard and earnest
times. One man's shoulders were
too weak to carry alone the present
tremendous responsibility of Govern-
ment. Only if the people actively
participated through their freely
elected political leaders in deciding
their destinies, could a statesman
confidently assume his part of the
responsibility. His resolve to do this
was lightened by the fact that the
Labour leaders had reached the high-
est offices in the Empire in the new
Government. This offered a sure
guarantee that the new Government
was supported by the broad masses
of the people. The programme of
the Majority parties on which he took
his stand contained the acceptance
of the former Imperial Government's
answer to the Pope's Note of August
1, 1917, and also the unconditional
acceptance of the Reichstag's Resolu-
tion of July 19, 1918. It further
declared its willingness to join a
League of Nations based on equal
rights for all, both strong and weak;
it considered the solution of the Bel-
gian Question to lie in the complete
rehabilitation of Belgium, particu-
larly her independence and territorial
integrity. An effort shall also be
made to reach an understanding in
the question of indemnity. The pro-
gramme will not permit peace treaties
hitherto concluded to be a hindrance
for the conclusion of a general peace.
The particular aim is that popular
representative bodies shall be formed
immediately on a broad basis in the
Baltic Provinces, Lithuania, and
Poland. As a preliminary to
civilian rule would be introduced

immediately in those hands, which
would regulate their constitution and
their relations with their neighbours
without outside interference.
As regards German domestic
policy, the manner in which he
formed the Government showed that
he had taken a clear and firm stand.
In making the elections he had laid
the greatest weight on the fact that
the members of the new Govern-
ment stood on the basis of a just
peace, regardless of the situation,
and that they openly declared this
to be their standpoint at the height
of Germany's military successes.
[Portion of message missing.]
The development had necessitated
the alteration of the constitution in
accordance with the Imperial decree
of September 30th to enable the
members of the Reichstag entering
the Government to retain their seats
in the Reichstag. A Bill to this
effect would be submitted to the
Federal States for immediate deci-
sion.
The Chancellor recalled the speech
of the Kaiser on August 4th, 1914:
"There are parties, but they are all
German parties." (Cheers.) He
said the political development of
Prussia must proceed in the spirit of
these words, and the King of Prus-
sia's promise for a democratic fami-
liarism must be fulfilled quickly and
completely. (Cheers.) He had no
doubt that those Federal States lag-
ging behind in constitutional devel-
opment would resolutely follow
Prussia's example. (Cheers.)
[Portion of message missing.]
The German people after four
years of the bloodiest struggle against
numerically superior enemies were
still confident of their strength and
were resolved to endure heavier
sacrifices. A continuous, terrible
and murderous battle had been raging
for months in the West. Thanks
to the incomparable heroism of our
Army, our front is unbroken. Just
because we are inspired by this con-
fidence in the future it is our duty
to make certain that the bloody
struggle is not prolonged for a
single day, beyond the moment
when an end of the war seems pos-
sible to us which does not affect our
honour."
**PRINCE MAX'S MESSAGE TO
COUNT BURIAN.**
THE YEARNING FOR PEACE.
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 6.
A message from Vienna says the
Chancellor has telegraphed to Count
Burian.
"The glorious deeds of our
Armies, the determination of the
people themselves, and the loyal
co-operation of our Governments
will with God's help lead to a
honourable peace."
Count Burian has replied that
his thoughts and efforts are in
co-operation with the German
Government and desires to bring
the blessing of an honourable
peace as soon as possible.
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INTIMATIONS

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS

THE BRITISH FRONT.

AN ATTACK ON 3-MILE FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL AT ALL POINTS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.
12.15 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—
At dawn the British Infantry and Tanks attacked on an eight-mile front from Sequehart to the Canal, north of Bony. The attack was successful at all points.

On the right of the attack, the English and Scottish troops of the 32nd Division retook Sequehart, taking prisoners, and later beat off a counter-attack with enemy loss.

In the centre, the English stormed Faucourt, and Wiancourt, taking several hundreds of prisoners, while the Second Australian Division broke through the Fosseme-Beaurevoir line west and south-west of Beaurevoir.

Rushing forward, the troops of these two Divisions, accompanied by Tanks, reached the western outskirts of Mont Behain and secured high ground south and south-west of Beaurevoir.

On the left of the attack, the English and Irish forced passages across the Scheldt Canal at Gory and Le Catelet, capturing both the villages and the high ground on the east.

4,000 PRISONERS TAKEN NEAR
ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, Oct. 4.
12.55 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—

At the conclusion of yesterday's fighting we held the high ground a mile to the north-east of Sequehart, and had successfully beaten off counter-attacks at Gory, Le Catelet and Sequehart.

We took over 4,000 prisoners during yesterday's operations, north of St. Quentin.

At night local fighting to our advantage occurred south-west of Beaurevoir and in the southern outskirts of Cambrai.

PROGRESS NORTH OF THE
SCARPE.

We slightly advanced our posts north-east of Epigny and repulsed a hostile attack on a post south of Bliche-St. Vast.

North of the Scarpe we made progress between Oppy and Marisourt.

More to the north our advanced troops reached the railway east of Lens and a general line as follows:—Yendin-le-Viel-Wigles-Berlaing-Fournes-en-Weppes-Hunplines.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN
CHAMPAGNE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A French communiqué states:—

We advanced at night east of Les Dînes, in the region of St. Quentin.

North-west of Rheims minor operations enabled us to widen our bridge heads east of the Canal, and improve our positions in the region of Betheny.

We took 100 prisoners.
In the Champagne the French and American troops extended their gains north-west of Mont Blanc and Medeah Farm.

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN ST.
QUENTIN REGION.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A French communiqué states:—
In the region of St. Quentin violent fighting occurred in the Hindenburg positions between Les Dînes and Sequehart where the enemy very strongly resisted.

Further south, we gained a footing on the railway east of St. Quentin, and made progress in the fighting east of St. Quentin, taking 100 prisoners.

North-west of Rheims we carried Compiègne and reached the Canal between Convergny and Lanerville.

The battle in the Champagne continues with sustained violence. We enlarged our gains in the region north of Somme.

Our troops, breaking down the resistance of the enemy, carried the crest of Mont Blanc and Medeah Farm. The prisoners already counted today number 2,800.

FILTRATION BY THE FRENCH IN
CHAMPAGNE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, stated:—

The Germans, as elsewhere, are putting up a great resistance against General Gouraud's advances in the Champagne, fighting every yard of the ground. They were only beaten by the superior initiative of the French.

There were no French assaulting waves after the first day. The French advanced in groups, commanded by a Lieutenant or a troop-commissioned officer, thus "filtering" through ravines and capturing posts. When a score of such tiny operations are successful, a local advance is undertaken and the aim of a number of such advances enables a general advance of the whole line.

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BATTLE LINES IN ST. MIHIEL
SECTOR RECOIL.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, stated:—

The two battle lines in the St. Mihiel sector have recoiled one from the other, leaving a wide outpost line between, but French shells threaten the enemy's communications between Grandpre and Vionville.

Therefore a withdrawal is likely behind what is believed to be the "Kriemhilde" line, running from the Meuse north of Brielle, towards the south, through Bois-de-Vallée, then towards the west, south of Romagne and north of Gesnes, to the ridge north and west of Exermont and across the Aireto-Chatelchesham Bluff.

There is, also, an alternative line, apparently designed to meet the possibility of the other being turned by our advance in the Grandpre gorge. On our right the enemy is still bringing up reinforcements.

FRENCH AND BELGIANS PRO-
GRESSING TOWARDS ROULERS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A Belgian communiqué states:—
The French and Belgians to-day slightly progressed towards Hoogebeke and Roulers.

PROBABLE ABANDONMENT OF
FLANDERS COAST.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Agency learns from authoritative Naval sources that there is every indication that the Germans will soon abandon the whole of the Flanders coast. It is known that the Germans are already removing guns.

There have been three heavy bombardments of the Flanders coast during the past few days.

THE SITUATION REVIEWED.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

A Havas message says:—
The great battle begun a week ago, with the French and Americans on either side of the Argonne Forest, is still raging with unabated fury. Between St. Quentin and Cambrai its intensity has not been surpassed in this war.

The enemy made another withdrawal on a wide front north and south of Le Bassin Canal.

It is not premature to hail the battle as a great victory.

The Germans are throwing wooden bridges over the Meuse.

French armies were victorious at three points in one day:—General Debeney's forces passed through St. Quentin, across the Somme; General Berthelot's Army made a big gain north and west of Rheims; General Gouraud advanced in the direction of Vionville.

The Germans retreated from the Alsace region.

In view of the full retreat of the Germans on a wide front on the west of Lille, the evacuation and liberation of this town may be expected.

ENEMY WITHDRAWAL IN LENS-
ARMENTIERES SECTOR.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
There has been local fighting, in which we progressed in the neighbourhood of Beaurevoir, north of Gory and south of Cambrai.

The enemy's withdrawal continues in the Lens-Armentieres sector.

Our advanced troops reached Warrin and Erpinghem.

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GERMANS REMOVING GUNS.

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MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN
BUKHAREST.

PARIS, Oct. 4.

A telegram from Vienna states that martial-law has been proclaimed in Bukharest.

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Hongkong, Oct. 4, 1918.

TELEGRAMS.

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INTERESTING STRATEGIC SITUATION.

FAR-REACHING RESULTS ANTICIPATED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at British

Headquarters, telegraphing this

afternoon, says:—

With our line still creeping westwards beyond Lens, Arras and the whole of the Beaurevoir system, reported to be in our hands, it may be said that yesterday was a good day.

A distinguished officer, fresh from the thick of the fighting, said: "We have the Germans pressed and

checked. The trend of the fighting has swung nearly due north and the strategic effect of yesterday's battle may possibly have far-reaching results."

Our patrols pushed out beyond the Beaurevoir line along the whole length of the new front.

There has been much heavy counter-attacking on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front during the night. We were driven out but re-captured the fortified positions of Beaurevoir Mill and La Motte Farm.

The fighting is very severe around Sequehart. We are maintaining all our gullies. Tanks assisted the infantry most effectively.

Down to last evening, over 4,000 prisoners had been counted in the Fourth Army zone. Prisoners are still coming in.

AMERICAN FRONT.

STUBBORN FIGHTING ON THE MEUSE.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

An American communication states:

This morning we resumed our attack west of the Meuse and overcame stubborn resistance. We advanced our lines from 2½ to 5 kilometres and carried Hill 240, north of Exermont and took the villages of Gesnes, Fleville, Chahery and La Forge.

Despite heavy artillery and machine-gun fire we forced the enemy back to the "Kriemhilde" positions, south of Poisse-à-Foret.

DASTARDLY TEUTONIC TRICKERY.

HOW THE AMERICANS WERE BLUFFED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters states:—

When the American troops were approaching Abri-de-St. Louis, a hundred Germans ran out with their hands up. The Americans ceased fire and allowed the Germans to approach. When the Germans arrived within bombing range they plunged their hands into their pockets and bombed the Americans, killing and wounding many. More Americans with flamethrowers came up, surrounded Abri and poured in gas and flame till not even a rat could have survived.

VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED BY AIRMEN.

MACHINE-GUNS SUPPLIED WITH BOMBS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—

Intense air activity was maintained on all possible occasions on the battle-front of our counter-attack. Our patrols successfully forestalled the enemy's intentions by warning our Headquarters.

Our advancing infantry were screened by smoke curtains, caused by smoke bombs dropped from the air, while our forward machine-guns were supplied with ammunition, dropped by our airmen.

Our fighting squadrons kept the air free of hostile machines, enabling this work to be successfully carried out.

We destroyed 27 hostile machines and drove down five out of control. Twelve British machines are missing. We dropped 20 tons of bombs during the day and 80 tons at night. Considerable damage was done to junctions and communications.

HONOUR FOR GENERALS GUILLAMAT AND DESPERY.

PARIS, Oct. 4.

The Military Medal has been awarded to General Guillaumat and General Franchet Desperay.

General Moirer has been appointed Military Governor of Paris in succession to General Guillaumat, who has been assigned other duties.

REPRISALS FOR GERMANY'S CRIMES.

PARIS, Oct. 4.

The Parliamentary group of representatives of the invaded districts has passed a resolution that the Government should approach the Governments of the Entente with a view to inflicting on Germany that reprisals will be exacted for all crimes and destruction in Allied countries.

A GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

10.40 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

The enemy captured Le Catelet and advanced as far as Beaurevoir and Mont Brebain and penetrated Sequehart.

We drove back the enemy on both sides of Le Catelet beyond his starting positions and re-captured Beaurevoir and Mont Brebain.

Sequehart remains in the enemy's hands.

Small French posts remain in the Weissenburg and Medeah heights, near Somme.

We have re-captured Challerange.

AIR-RAIDS INTO GERMANY.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The Press Bureau states:—

An independent force on the night of the 3rd bombed the railways at Metzabon and the aerodromes at Morhange and Frescaty.

Observation was difficult, but a fire and explosion were observed at Frescaty.

All our machines returned.

GERMANS BOMB CLEARING HOSPITAL.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Sixty KILLED AND EQUAL NUMBER INJURED.

PARIS, Oct. 4.

German aeroplanes twice bombed Chalon-sur-Marne on the night of the 1st.

A score of bombs were dropped. Several fell on a clearing hospital. Sixty of the sick were killed and an equal number injured.

ITALIAN ADVANCE IN ALBANIA.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

An Italian official report states:—

In Albania we continued to advance on the whole front between the Sea and the Tomorin mountains on Thursday.

One column crossed the Semeni and advanced across the plain of Mazukja on Ljuna, an important supply centre.

The other columns from Berat advanced in the direction of El Bussan.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

GOOD WORK BY WARWICKSHIRES.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A British Italian official report states:—

The Warwickshires successfully raided trenches facing Asiago, taking 142 prisoners. Our casualties were 12.

ALLIED ATTACK ON DURAZZO.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

BASE AND AUSTRIAN SHIPS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

ROME, Oct. 4.

In the Chamber, Signor Orlando announced that Italian warships and British cruisers appeared at Durazzo at noon on October 2nd, and, effectively protected by Italian and Allied torpedo boats and American submarine chasers, succeeded in passing the mine-fields and eluding submarine attacks.

They approached close to the harbour works and then fiercely bombarded the harbour until they had completed the destruction of the base as well as the Austrian ships moored there. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Despite the enemy's fire the Allied ships audaciously dashed to the attack and fired torpedoes against an Austrian torpedo-boat and a steamer, but they did not molest a hospital-ship. (Applause.)

British and Italian airmen co-operated in the work of destruction, while other Italian and Allied naval forces took up battle stations against any enemy ships that might emerge to aid Durazzo. The Allied naval forces waited in vain.

The Allied units suffered no loss or damage, except slight damage by a torpedo to a British cruiser which, however, continued to participate in the fight and afterwards returned to the base under her own steam. (Loud and long applause.)

THE AUSTRIAN VERSION.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A wireless Austrian official report states:—

About thirty units of enemy naval forces and numerous airmen on the 2nd bombed the town and harbour of Durazzo for two hours.

The material damage is not important. The enemy's attempt to penetrate the harbour with torpedo-boats and gliding boats failed. One enemy gliding boat was sunk.

TWO ENEMY SUBMARINES DESTROYED BY AMERICANS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

An Italian naval communication states: American submarine chasers, while protecting the larger vessels which bombarded Durazzo on the 2nd, destroyed two enemy submarines.

AUSTRIA'S DESIRE FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

10.40 p.m.

A message from Vienna to the Berliner Tageblatt states it is authentically reported that Austria-Hungary has requested Holland to invite the belligerents to negotiations, and Holland has already despatched invitations.

HUNGARIAN MINISTERS DISCUSS PEACE QUESTION.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4.

The Cologne Gazette states that Dr. Weckerle, Count Tiza, Count Andrássy and Count Apponyi met at Vienna to discuss the peace question, in connection with which, on Count Burian's initiative, a new and decisive step may be taken to-day.

Subsequently interviewed, Dr. Weckerle stated: "We are again labouring in the interest of peace. We are already negotiating."

TURKEY AND PEACE.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

GREATLY INCENSED AT GERMANY.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Agency is reliably informed that the Turco-German relations are more strained. The Turks are increasingly uneasy regarding the agreements supplementing the Brest-Litovsk Treaty and are greatly incensed at the German checking Turkish activities in the Caucasus.

As regards the possibility of a peace, Turkey does not wish to be again placed in her previous position relative to the Great Powers and is particularly anxious to have adequate guarantees against an attack by Bulgaria.

TURKISH MINISTER RESIGNS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Turkish Minister of the Interior has resigned.

AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES IN SOUTHERN SERBIA.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

A French Eastern communication states:—

Allied troops on the 8rd came in contact with Austro-German forces in southern Serbia south of Vrnja.

The Serbians on September 30th carried Preyns on the Elbasan Road, west of Lake Ochrida, taking 100 prisoners.

Large booty, including a heavy Naval gun, was captured.

A GERMAN GRAND COUNCIL.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

NEW GERMAN LINE FROM ANTWERP TO ADRIATIC.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

SIEGFRIED LINE BREACHED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

CAN ENEMY RETREAT TO SHORTER FRONT WITHOUT DISASTER?

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The Kaiser presided at a Grand Council in Berlin yesterday. That the deliberations dealt with the retreat from the West is evidenced from the inspired article in the German Press preparing the public for the evacuation of the Belgian Coast.

The Krone Zeitung says:—"Bulgarian treachery will have the most rapid consequences on the Oriental world, and may alter the whole world situation in favour of the Entente. Therefore, as the mortal spot for the Central Powers is the south-east of Europe, they must concentrate there. A new German line from Antwerp through Metz to the Adriatic must be prepared."

Experts in London point out, however, that the question being fought on the Western Front is whether the enemy can retreat to another strategic front on a shorter line, without supreme disaster.

His retreat between Lens and Arras is regarded as an indication of his desire to evacuate the Belgian Coast, but the Allies threaten both ends of the lateral railway from Lille to Metz, on which the supply for the German trenches chiefly depends.

The menace on Roulers endangers the German communications with the coast. The German right has the longest way to go in the event of a general retreat, hence the importance attached to both sides of the Cambrai-St. Quentin sector.

Where the Allies are hammering, a breach has already been made in the "Siegfried" system and the Germans are fighting very desperately.

Any substantial quickening of the Allied advance here might mean disaster to a large part of the German Army in the West.

OUR DAY

THURSDAY, 24th October, 1918.

PROGRAMME

MORNING

SALE OF ROSES—Lady May's Rose Fund.

12.30 p.m. Auction of Special Roses at Cricket Club Ground.

AFTERNOON

GYMKHANA and Side Shows at Happy Valley including "THE JOY WHEEL."

EVENING

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COALITION MINISTRIES FOR AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4.

The Wiener Zeitung, commenting on the great impression caused in Austria by the Balkan events, states that the Ministers have become panic-stricken and, fearing the collapse of their political edifice, are now advocating conciliation with their political opponents.

Consequently, federalisation plans are again prominent. M. von Hussarek intends to form a Coalition Ministry and is prepared to carry out the necessary reforms.

The journal predicts that federalisation would force Austria-Hungary to leave the ranks of the belligerents and abandon the alliance with Germany, and so spell the ultimate dissolution of the Dual Monarchy.

The Mitteleuropäische has received a telegram from Budapest which states that the formation of a Coalition Ministry in Hungary is on foot, bringing Count Tiza, Count Apponyi and Count Andrássy into the present Cabinet, without portfolios.

Count Tiza has already approved the plan.

The Lower House meets on October 8th.

PRINCE MAX OF BADEN BECOMES CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

A Berlin official statement confirms the fact that Prince Max of Baden has been appointed Chancellor.

Herr Scheidemann and Herr Groeber become Ministers without portfolios. Herr Groeber is of the Centre Party.

THE BULGARIAN CAPITULATION.

GRAVE SITUATION IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

A Havas message says:—"The situation is grave, but not critical," says the Austrian Premier.

The armistice concluded with Bulgaria undisputedly created a grave situation in the Dual Monarchy.

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4.

A telegram from Sofia says that it is semi-officially emphasised that all parties in Bulgaria unanimously support the Government.

PALESTINE OPERATIONS.

7,000 TURKS TAKEN PRISONER AT DAMASCUS.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the "Landing by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 15th day of Oct., 1918, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Yau-tai, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Lot 3, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100
Lot 4, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100
Lot 5, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100
Lot 6, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100
Lot 7, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100
Lot 8, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100
Lot 9, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100
Lot 10, Yau-tai, 100 Acres	100	100	100	100	100

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parties to this struggle, at Brestlitovsk and Bukharest. They have convinced us that they are without honour and do not intend justice. They observe no covenants, accept no principle but force and their own interest. We cannot 'come to terms' with them. They have made it impossible. The German people must by this time be fully aware that we cannot accept the word of those who forced this war upon us. We do not think the same thoughts or speak the same language of agreement. It is of capital importance that we should also be explicitly agreed that no peace shall be obtained by any kind of compromise or abatement of the principles we have avowed as the principles for which we are fighting. There should be no doubt about that. The enemy Powers must have been aware of that inevitable declaration delivered in New York as recently as September 26th. After the declaration we have quoted above President Wilson said: "If it be, in deed and in truth, the common object of the Governments associated against Germany and of the nations whom they govern, as I believe it to be, to achieve by the coming settlements a secure and lasting peace, it will be necessary that all who sit down at the peace table shall come ready and willing to pay the price, the only price, that will procure it; and ready and willing also, to create in some visible fashion the only instrumentality by which it can be made certain that the agreements of the peace will be honoured and fulfilled." President Wilson declared that the constitution of a League of Nations and the clear definition of its objects must be a part, in a sense the most essential part, of the peace settlement. "It is necessary to guarantee peace," it would be folly to leave the guarantee to the subsequent voluntary action of the Governments we have seen destroy Russia and deceive Rumania. Some of the general terms of a settlement were stated by President Wilson—"with the greater confidence because he could state them authoritatively as respecting the United States Government's own duty with regard to peace"—as follows:—

First, the impartial justice meted out must involve no discrimination between those to whom we wish to be just and those to whom we do not wish to be just. It must be justice that plays no favourites and knows no standard, but the equal rights of the several peoples concerned. Second, no special or separate interest of any single nation or group of nations can be made the basis of any part of the settlement which is not consistent with the common interest of all. Third, there can be no leagues or alliances or special covenants and understandings within the group of nations or among the family of the League of Nations. Fourth, and more specifically, there can be no special, selfish economic combinations within the League and no employment of any form of economic boycott or exclusion except as the power of economic penalty by exclusion from the markets of the world may be vested in the League of Nations itself as a means of discipline and control. Fifth, all international agreements and treaties of every kind must be made known in their entirety to the rest of the world.

It is with this speech before them that our enemies have asked for an armistice to discuss Peace and the world will await with intense eagerness the proofs of the enemy's conversion from the faith in Prussia's military destiny on which the German people have so long been fed and nurtured.

THE PROPOSED ARMISTICE.

HOW THE NEWS WAS RECEIVED IN HONGKONG.

The news which the China Mail published in an "Extra" this morning, to the effect that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey had asked for an armistice had far-reaching effects in the Colony. Shortly after the China Mail "Extra" had been placed on sale, a representative took a stroll through the more important business thoroughfares of the City and it was quite apparent, although opinion varied, that the news had created a profound impression. For the moment, business was forgotten and little groups of business men were to be seen standing at the street corners animatedly discussing the news. Optimists declared that it meant the preliminary to an unconditional surrender. One "further joyfully remarked: "Kirkos grows further distant." On the other hand, pessimists avowed that it was "another German trick" and so forth, but taken all round, the consensus of opinion favoured the idea that the news heralded a near declaration of peace.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Prospectus of the Hongkong Technical Institute for the session October-June, has been issued. It covers a fairly wide field of instruction.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 21st Sept., 1918, amounted to 45,595 tons and the sales during the period, to 45,433 tons.

The committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club have arranged that the opening of the New Ground, previously advertised for Saturday, 24th September, shall take place on Saturday next, October 12th, at 3 p.m. All friends and members of other clubs are cordially invited.

Telegrams received from Aigun report that a most serious outrage has been committed there, says Reuter's Peking correspondent. On the arrival of a river steamer the Customs began the usual search of the vessel, but Japanese soldiers interfered, maltreated the Russian and Chinese searchers, and assaulted the British Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Mansfield, the son of the former British Consul-General at Canton.

All residents of the Colony who knew Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C. who from 1902 to 1906 was Attorney General in Hongkong, will regret to see the announcement of his death at Home, where he has been residing since he left Hongkong and Lady Berkeley and their daughters will have the sincere sympathy of many friends in Hongkong in their bereavement.

HONGKONG OFFICIALS HONOURED.

We have pleasure in announcing that His Majesty the King has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer to be Officers of the Order of the British Empire.

These honours have doubtless been conferred in recognition of valuable services rendered by both recipients in connection with the war.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax has undertaken from the very beginning the onerous duties of Honorary Secretary of the War Charities Committee, which, as the most casual reader of the newspapers will have gathered, entails a very considerable amount of responsibility and labour, and we are sure the community will agree that the recognition now accorded has been well deserved.

We are also sure that it will be generally recognised that the honour is no less deserved in the case of the Captain Superintendent of Police upon whom the war cast, from its very beginning, a very heavy burden of additional responsibility in connection with the movement of people in and out of the Colony, and that work, we think it will be generally acknowledged, has been thoroughly and efficiently performed.

PORTUGUESE RED CROSS FUND.

The Hon. Secretary, Club de Recreio, Kowloon, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following further donations to the Portuguese Red Cross Fund:—

Already acknowledged	\$940.00
Nippon Yusen Kaisha	10.00
Batello Bros.	30.00
Anonymous	25.00
Carvalho & Co.	25.00
Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	20.00
Union Trading Co.	100.00
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak	25.00
Banque de l'Indo-Chine	5.00
H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. Claud Severn	25.00
Anonymous	5.00
J. M. Rocha & Co.	25.00
Total collections by street sale of flags by young ladies	2,950.00
	\$4,455.00

LADY MAY'S ROSE FUND.

Already acknowledged	\$1,573.50
Mr. M. J. D. Stephens	100.00
Mr. N. J. Stabb	100.00
Total	\$1,773.50

CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WHY let the children rack their little bodies in such a distressing manner when you can so easily cure their colds with a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE MAGISTRACY.

SHOOTING ON THE PRAYA.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with wantonly and negligently firing an air gun, using the Praya as his target.

The consequences were that a woman with a child, who happened to be passing the Praya at the time, were both hurt. One of the shots struck the head of the child. The mother of the child went to the Police Station and reported the matter to Inspector O'Sullivan, who detailed Sergeant Holland and two detectives to go on board the *Ho Sin*, from which the defendant was firing the shots. They went on board the vessel, but the defendant was absent. His cabin was searched and there were found an air-gun fully loaded with about 100 shots and 200 shots in tins. Later on the defendant came, and he was arrested.

Defendant pleaded guilty to firing, but said he did not know the child was on the Praya.

Mr. Wood, in imposing a fine of \$50 and in ordering him to pay another \$10 as compensation, said that if the child had been killed he would have committed defendant to the Sessions. It was a very serious offence and defendant was lucky that the child was not hurt very much.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WINCHESTER.

For being in unlawful possession of a Winchester rifle and 195 rounds of ammunition a Chinese was fined \$350 by Mr. J. R. Wood, who ordered the ammunition and the rifle to be confiscated.

A PICK-POCKET ARRESTED IN THE ACT.

A Chinese was charged in Mr. Wolfe's Court with picking the purse of another Chinese on board the *S. S. Sun Yang*. The complainant, it was alleged, was a passenger from Shanghai and, while bending down to take up a cigarette which had dropped on the deck, felt someone picking his pocket. He turned round, immediately, and seized the culprit, whose person was searched and the purse found.

Mr. Wolfe remanded the case till to-morrow.

A STABBING AFFRAY.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe for being drunk and disorderly and for assaulting another Chinese on the street.

Defendant said he had enjoyed himself and was drunk with the result that he was oblivious of what had happened at the time.

Inspector Sim said that the defendant stabbed the complainant on the back with a knife.

Mr. Wolfe sentenced defendant to three weeks' hard labour.

LARCENY OF MAT BAGS.

A Chinese was charged with the larceny of mat bags.

Sergeant Murphy said that the whole blame should be attached to the complainant, for leaving the mat bags in the street on Canton Road.

Defendant was also assaulted by an Indian constable, in consequence of which he appeared in Court with a bandage across his face.

The Magistrate remarked that he must get the Police to arrest the complainant if he continued to put the mat bags in the public street.

Defendant was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour.

PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC ANNIVERSARY.

SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATIONS.

The eighth anniversary of the Portuguese Republic was celebrated, in Hongkong and Kowloon, on Saturday last, by the Portuguese Community, advantage being taken of the occasion for a collection in aid of the Portuguese Red Cross which included a street collection during the morning when a number of young ladies sold flags. These ladies' charitable efforts were rewarded by a total collection of \$2,950 from this source.

In the evening at 9 p.m. the Portuguese justly rewarded themselves for their charitable work, and a large gathering enjoyed dancing and a supper at the Club de Recreio, which was suitably decorated for the occasion. The music was provided by the Band of the 18th Infantry from 9 p.m. until midnight, after which a Filipino string band carried on. Supper was served at midnight, the guests including the Consul for Portugal and Madame de Souza. The President of the Club, Mr. P. Y. Botelho, proposed the toast which included that of "The Portuguese Republic" and "The Allies" which were enthusiastically responded to. After supper dancing was resumed and continued well into the early hours.

Great credit is due to the following Committee, which was responsible for the arrangements:—Messrs. P. Y. Botelho (President), W. L. G. de Almeida (Secretary), F. M. Garcia, D. M. Vieira, P. Y. Botelho, G. A. Lopez, B. M. C. Cunha, and A. Sousa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"OUR DAY."

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL"]

SIR—The Committee and the other prominent persons who are devoting much time and money to perfecting the arrangements for raising funds for the Red Cross on the 24th inst., are neglecting one thing to make "Our Day" a complete success. The number of people with money always at hand in this Colony is very small. Those who are paid a small or moderate salary on the 1st of every month will generally find that they have little or no spare cash on the 24th of the month. It is this class of the community that I belong to, and it is on its behalf that I am wasting some of your valuable space. Some of us are prompted by patriotic and charitable motives, and some by a desire to have a good time and I am sure we will get our money's worth; but without the dollars are powerless. Will the Committee let the heads of the various firms know that they approve payment of salaries to their employees say on the 23rd? I am sure we will all appreciate it.

Yours etc.,

HOPES.

V.R.C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

THE LAST DAY.

The conclusion of the Victoria Recreation Club's Annual Aquatic sports, on Saturday afternoon, provided a fitting finale to the two previous days' sports, and the event was unanimously voted one of the most successful fixtures in the history of the Club.

In addition to the ordinary programme there was a Ladies' Consolation Race, a Men's ditto and a Veterans' Race, the latter providing great amusement.

As the conclusion Mrs. Gurner graciously distributed the prizes for which service she was rewarded with the thanks of the President of the Club, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., and also three hearty cheers by all present.

THE RESULTS.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Hurdles). Final—1, A. V. Ribeiro; 2, J. Stewart. Time: 37.5 seconds.

POYS RACE, 101 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP. Final—1, G. A. Jones; 2, D. Lyon. Time: 68.5 seconds.

200 YARDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. Final—1, A. Logan; 2, A. V. Barros. Time: 2 minutes 48.5 seconds.

HIVE DIVE. Final—1, A. Logan; 2, T. L. Knight.

LADIES RACE, 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP. Final—1, Miss D. Morris; 2, Miss B. V. Jennings; 3, Miss L. Scott. Time: 1 min. 48.5 seconds.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP (Final). Final—1, J. Stewart; 2, S. A. Margal. Time: 69.5 seconds.

LADIES' NOMINATION RACE. Final—1, S. A. Margal; 2, J. Rodriguez.

POYS RACE, 101 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP. Final—1, G. A. Jones; 2, D. Lyon. Time: 68.5 seconds.

CONSOLATION RACE (Girls). Final—1, Miss Shaw; 2, Miss Ramsay.

CONSOLATION RACE (Men). Final—1, R. Tatum; 2, J. R. Soares.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Novices). Final—1, C. M. S. Soares; 2, A. C. Soares.

400 YARDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. Final—1, A. Logan; 2, A. V. Barros.

RUNNING HEADERS from Spring-board. Final—1, A. Logan; 2, J. Stewart.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP (Army and Navy). Final—1, Sgt. White, R.E.; 2, Mr. Taylor; 3, Mr. Moore.

White, R.E.; 3, Sgt. Strang, R.A.M.C.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Girls). Final—1, Miss Rosebud Young; 2, Miss Ruby Young.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Boys). Final—1, R. F. Pereira; 2, A. Castro.

LONG FLUNGE. Final—1, M. A. R. Souza; 2, A. V. Barros.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Army and Navy). Final—1, Sgt. White, R.E.; 2, Mr. Taylor; 3, Mr. Moore.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Ladies). Final—1, Miss B. V. Jennings; 2, Miss L. Hayes; 3, Miss B. Ellis.

TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (Final). Final—1, A. V. Ribeiro; 2, E. Medina. Time: 33.5 seconds.

TWO LENGTHS TEAM RACE. Final—1, J. Stewart (apt.), J. Soares, V. Barroas, A. V. Barros, and P. A. Yvanovich; 2, R. Tatum (Capt.), G. A. Carvalho, O. Vas, T. L. Knight and W. Hall.

WATER-POLO MATCH. Final—1, J. Stewart (Capt.), H. White, W. J. Moody, A. V. Ribeiro, F. M. Cruz, B. Tatum, and M. A. Carvalho; 2, Blues—A. V. Barros, A. Logan, S. A. Margal, G. A. Carvalho, J. R. Soares, L. M. Franco and A. Smith.

GOLF.

For the "Junior" Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Mr. Gedge has kindly offered a cup for the winner and Mr. G. M. Young has offered another for the Runner-up of a competition for the Championship of players with handicaps of over 10. Those with handicaps of 10 have the option of entering either for this or the ordinary Championship Competition.

The competition is to be played over the main Course at Fanling commencing on Sunday, 13th October. Match Play. Preliminary Rounds 18 holes. Final 36 holes. Entries close Wednesday, 9th instant, and are to be made on the lists at Fanling or Happy Valley or by notice to the Hon. Secretary.

THE MILITARY SERVICE TRIBUNAL.

TO-DAY'S CASES.

At the sitting of the General Military Service Tribunal, this afternoon, under the presidency of Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. (Chief Justice), the following cases were dealt with:—

THE MERCANTILE BANK.

Mr. C. Champkin applied for total exemption on behalf of Mr. R. Kennedy on grounds put before the Tribunal in the first instance. Every effort had been made to secure a substitute, but without success. Mr. Champkin pointed out that he did not apply for Mr. Kennedy's exemption on very necessary grounds, and strongly criticised His Excellency's statements at the appeal. He pointed out that His Excellency made much of the fact that the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank had taken the services of two Cadets but the names of those Cadets were not on the substitution list and he did not know that the services of such men were available until he was told they had been engaged by the Hongkong Bank. He further criticised the manner in which the opinion as regards his case, expressed by the leading Bank Manager was conveniently brushed aside by His Excellency and also the statement as to learning the signatures, and appealed to the Tribunal to deal fairly with his case from the point of view of the essential interests of the Colony.

Absolute exemption was granted.

MESSRS. DODWELL & CO.

Mr. S. H. Dodwell applied for total exemption or further temporary exemption on behalf of Mr. F. Syme Thomson owing to Mr. Barretto leaving the firm.

No exemption was granted.

MR. N. L. BREWER.

The Chairman announced that in view of the fact that Mr. Brewer was ill in hospital, and was not likely to be able to appear before the Tribunal for at least two months, further temporary exemption for that period would be granted.

MESSRS. REISS & CO.

Mr. A. K. Mckenzie came before the Tribunal for the first time on reaching military age.

No exemption was asked for and the Tribunal decided accordingly.

MESSRS. WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARKE.

Mr. W. F. Gibbons applied for a further exemption of one month which was granted.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR DYER.

Professor Dyer, C.E., M.A., D.Sc., Hon. LL.D. (Glasgow), whose death was announced on Saturday was the first Principal of the Imperial College of Engineering, Tokyo, and Professor of Civil and Mechanical Engineering

1873; in addition he became director of large engineering works, and remained in Japan ten years. He was appointed Hon. Principal of the College on his retirement and Hon. Member of the Institutions of Civil Engineers, Mechanical Engineers and Naval Architects, Japan. He also occupied the position of Emeritus Professor of the Imperial University of Japan and held the Japanese degree of Koyaku-Hakushi (Doc. of Engineering) and was honoured with the Order of the Sacred Treasure (2nd class). "Who's Who" states that since his return to Great Britain, he has taken an active part in engineering, educational and social work. He was a Life Governor of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College, a Governor of the West of Scotland Agricultural College, of the West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, and of the Glasgow School of Art; Chairman of the School Board of Glasgow, and Convener of the Continuation Classes Committee; Vice-President of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration of the Manufactured Steel Trade of the West of Scotland, etc. He was also a J.P. for the county and city of Glasgow. His publications include the following: "Dai Nippon: The Britain of the East," "Japan in World Politics," "The Evolution of Industry: Science Teaching in Schools," "Education and National Life," "Education and Industrial Training," "Education and Citizenship," numerous papers and articles on engineering, educational, literary, and social subjects.

Professor Dyer was 70 years of age. Mr. H. M. Dyer, Chief Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Dock Company, is a son of Professor Dyer.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE GREAT BATTLE.
THE BRITISH FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS NORTH OF ST. QUENTIN.

ENEMY SETS FIRE TO DOUAL.

London, Oct. 5, 10.50 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Minor operations continued successfully north of St. Quentin.

The Australians and English, accompanied by Tanks, progressed in the neighbourhood of the village of Mont Brechain and Beaufort and in the spur northwest of Beaufort, killing a number of prisoners.

As a result of continued pressure on the whole front, the enemy is withdrawing from the high ground gained at La Tereire Plateau, in the head of the Canal-de-Lescent, between La Cotelet and Crevin, where we are now east of the Canal on the whole front between La Cotelet and Crevin, where we are driving in the enemy's rear.

We took possession of La Tereire and a section of the high ground system in this neighbourhood.

The enemy has set fire to Douai.

BRITISH CAPTURE HELN, MONT BRECHAIN AND BEAUFORT.

London, Oct. 6, 1.10 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We have captured Heln, Mont Brechain and Beaufort, despite severe counter-attacks.

BRITISH AIRMEN BRING DOWN 20 MACHINES.

London, Oct. 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—

We dropped 21 tons of bombs during the day and 25 tons at night, our airmen attacking at night military junctions in the rear of the enemy's battle-front, causing damage to the permanent way and the rolling stock.

We destroyed 14 aeroplanes and drove down six out of control.

Eight British machines and missing.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

GERMANS RETIRING TOWARDS THE SUIPPE.

FORMIDABLE POSITIONS ABANDONED.

London, Oct. 6, 2.40 a.m.

A French communiqué states:—

The French and American victorious attacks for several days on the Vesle and Champagne fronts compelled the enemy to make a general retirement towards the Suippe and the Arnes rivers, hastily abandoning his formidable positions, which he had fortified during the four years, and defended with undeviating desperation.

He is retreating on a front of 45 kilometres in the Rheims sector in force. Brionot Fort and the Moron Villiers massif are ours. The Nogent-la-Bressine massif is completely surrounded.

Our advance guards are keeping in close touch with the enemy rear-guards and have passed the line of Ornville-Bourgonne-Cernay-les-Rheims-Bellefontaine.

Further east we hold the whole course of the Arnes and have crossed the Suippe at Ornville, and the Arnes at several points.

FRENCH AVIATORS CO-OPERATE IN FIGHTING.

ENEMY TROOPS BOMBED.

London, Oct. 6.

A French aviation communiqué states:—

Notwithstanding low clouds and fog, our aviators closely observed enemy movements.

Four enemy aeroplanes were brought down and one balloon set on fire.

Enemy troops and convoys in the battle zone were bombed and machine-gunned. Twenty tons were thus employed. In addition 15 tons of bombs were dropped on the station at night, despite a dense fog.

FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE.

IMPREGNABLE ENEMY DEFENCES BROKEN.

THE DANGER TO GERMANY OF ANOTHER RETREAT.

London, Oct. 5.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing today, says:—

The Germans are falling back in Eastern Champagne on the line of the Arnes, which is a tributary of the Suippe.

The Americans reached this line at St. Epierre village, 4 miles north of Somme.

General Gouraud's troops have now broken through in eight days two systems of the defences, the first of which was considered impregnable a year ago.

Meanwhile, it is noteworthy that the enemy has abandoned the theory of unbreakable lines, and now talks in official communiqués of "a glacis in France and Belgium," which is all he needs to hold for the defence of the Fatherland. The word "glacis" has an ominous connotation in German. It has already served before as an excuse for pillage and laying waste large tracts of populous country. There is every reason to fear that this is what is now meant.

However, it also means that the German High Command is preparing the public for another retreat. That retreat, however, will bring the fighting line unacceptably near German homes.

THE AMERICAN FRONT.

FIGHTING ON THE MEUSE.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES.

London, Oct. 6, 2.20 a.m.

An American communiqué states:—

Our attack west of the Meuse continued, despite determined resistance by artillery and machine-guns from well-entrenched positions.

Strong hostile counter-attacks were repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, Oct. 6.

A wireless German official report states:—

Against the new lines east of Arras the enemy followed the Bois Grenier, Fournes, Wingles, and across the railway to the east of Lens.

The English captured Le Cotelet. The French obtained a footing at Leslin and Morcourt.

We re-captured Leslin. We withdrew, unobserved, between Prunty and St. Marie Apy, eastward of Rheims.

A FRENCH REVIEW OF THE GENERAL SITUATION.

HINDENBURG LINE HAS CEASED TO COUNT.

Paris, Oct. 6.

A Havas message says:—

As a military factor the Hindenburg Line has ceased to count. The German retreat on a 17-mile front in the Arras sector has been hastened by the British. The enemy is now in danger of losing the Belgian Coast.

Lens has been cleared of the enemy and Arras has been occupied.

In eastern Champagne General Gouraud is less than six miles from Vouziers junction. The base is of great importance as there are 25 lines of railways connecting the enemy with Germany.

The German staff wantonly set Cambrai on fire and wrecked St. Quentin. This was part of a long prepared plan. All peoples of the Entente claim retaliation.

The Austrian retreat in Albania followed Bulgaria's surrender. The enemy must make desperate efforts defend the Danube fronts suddenly created by the Allied victories.

The political and moral effect of the withdrawal of the front in Russia, which is beginning, will be immense. The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk becomes waste paper.

The new Chancellor of Germany, Prince Max of Baden, is a nephew of the Duke of Baden. He is the head of a new parliamentary government, according to the political comedy staged by the Emperor who has suddenly become an adherent to Democracy.

AIR-RAIDS INTO GERMANY.

METZSABLOON AGAIN BOMBED.

London, Oct. 6.

The Press Bureau states:—

An independent force on the morning of the 5th attacked the railways at Metzsablon with good results, obtaining eleven direct hits on sidings and railway lines.

All our machines returned.

TRIUMPH IN SIGHT.

Paris, Oct. 6.

In reply to addresses from Departmental Councils, M. Clemenceau, the French Prime Minister, writes:—

Triumph is in sight. —Havas.

THE DEATH KNEEL OF THE CENTRAL ALLIANCE.

Paris, Oct. 6.

The Rt. Hon. W. H. Hughes, the Australian Premier, speaking at a farewell dinner, said:—

"Bulgaria has sounded the death knell of the Central Alliance." —Havas.

THE ALBANIAN BATTLE.

AUSTRIANS COMPELLED TO RETIRE.

ENEMY DRIVEN BEYOND DIBRA.

London, Oct. 6.

A French Eastern communiqué states:—

The Allies in Albania forced the Austrians to retire along the Elbasan road, beyond the confluence of the Skumbi and Luga rivers.

The enemy was also driven back beyond Dibra.

GREAT UNREST IN VIENNA.

ATTEMPT TO ALLAY AUSTRIAN FEARS.

London, Oct. 5.

The Vienna authorities have been compelled to issue a reassuring statement regarding the Balkans.

The statement says that the Central Powers have been able to make up the Bulgarian losses and that traffic on the Budapest-Sofia-Constantinople line continues.

Reuter's Agency learns that great unrest prevails in Vienna.

THE ACCESSION OF PRINCE BORIS.

GOVERNMENT BEGGED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE.

Basle, Oct. 6.

A message from Sofia, dated the 5th, states that the abdication of the Tsar Ferdinand and the accession of Prince Boris were announced by the Mayor in the morning. Subsequently there was a Te Deum in the cathedral.

The Patriarch and the clergy were received by Prince Boris in the presence of the Ministers, the Deputies and the diplomats.

Prince Boris returned to the Palace and was acclaimed en route.

The officers of Sofia took the oath in the afternoon.

The King begged the Government to remain in office.

THE NETHERLANDS FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY.

NEW DEPARTMENT TO TREAT WITH POST-WAR QUESTIONS.

The Hague, Oct. 6.

It is officially stated that a new department of the Foreign Office headed by M. Jonkheer Snouck Hurgronje, the Departmental Chief of the Foreign Office, assisted by an Advisory Council consisting of M. Colyn, M. Telder, M. Van der Meer, M. Heldring, M. Kroeller and M. Waller, has been established to unify the economic foreign policy and seriously prepare to deal with post-war economic questions.

The Department begins to work immediately with a view to the renewal shortly of economic negotiations with the belligerents.

WIRELESS FROM WALES TO AUSTRALIA DIRECT.

Paris, Oct. 6.

Signor Marconi has achieved a great triumph in sending a wireless message direct to Australia, from Carnarvon, a distance of over 12,000 miles. —Havas.

THE ELDER-DUMPFSTER LINER DISASTER.

London, Oct. 6.

It is reported at Liverpool that 85 perished in the sinking of the Elder-Dumpfster liner *Bridg* by collision.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT BATTLE.

BELGIANS FIGHTING FIERCELY.

London, Oct. 4.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, states:—

How fiercely the Belgians are now fighting is shown by the fact that a German battery in action was captured by the use of knives and revolvers alone. The Belgians rushed the guns while they were being fired and killed the whole crew.

The armoured car which entered Roulers did great execution. Two occupants were killed and two wounded. Only one was left to bring it back.

According to prisoners, the German Fifty-Seventh and Fifty-Ninth Reserve Divisions and Second and Eleventh Divisions have been withdrawn, being no longer capable of fighting. The moral of the German Guards Division is reported to be so reduced that some men run on the opening of attacks. Straggler pickets are posted in the rear to prevent this.

SUCCESSFUL MINOR OPERATIONS BY BRITISH.

London, Oct. 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

In successful minor operations on Friday northward of St. Quentin, we substantially progressed south eastward of Beaufort and northward of Gony and Le Cotelet, taking 800 prisoners.

We again slightly advanced our line at night north-westward of Le Cotelet.

A HAND BATTLE.

London, Oct. 5.

A French communiqué says:—

North of St. Quentin we have actively participated in a hand battle in the Hindenburg position and captured Chardouvert, south of Sequehart, and several fortified woods. Further south, we gained a footing at Les Dins and captured Morcourt. The enemy furiously and repeatedly counter-attacked, but all his efforts were shattered with heavy loss. We captured 400 prisoners and four heavy guns.

The French and Americans in Champagne gained an important advantage and completed yesterday's successes.

On the left we pushed for over four kilometres north of the Aube River and eight kilometres north-west of Somme to the river Arnes, and captured the villages of Vandescourt and Dautan and Isomplet and Grand Bellois woods, despite resistance. Further east, we reached the outskirts of St. Etienne-Arnes and gained a footing on the plateau of Orfeuil, capturing Orfeuil village.

We evacuated Chardouvert which neither side could hold, it being intensely shelled by both artilleries.

Favourable weather facilitated aviation on October 3. Nineteen enemy aeroplanes were felled and three balloons set on fire. Scouts pushed far beyond the enemy lines. Fifty-one tons of bombs and thousands of cartridges were fired in day-time at enemy reserves massed in view of counter-attack. At one sector aeroplanes again fed advanced troops. Five tons of food and cartridges were thus supplied. Twenty-nine tons of projectiles were dropped at night on enemy bivouacs and campments on a wide front.

GENERAL GOURAUD'S ADVANCE.

London, Oct. 5.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing at ten o'clock yesterday evening, reports:—

The advances of General Gouraud's left wing yesterday was most important. It occupies a line outflanking the Moronvillers heights which is the main bastion of the German front in Champagne. The enemy's second main line of resistance is breached at Orfeuil and his whole front between Rheims and the Suippe endangered.

VIGOROUS PRESSURE BY FRENCH.

London, Oct. 5.

A French communiqué reports:—

North of St. Quentin, fighting continued with undiminished violence.

We have thrown back the enemy, who is defending himself foot by foot, from the height situated 1,200 metres south-east of Chardouvert and the neighbouring woods.

North-west of Rheims we are again exercising vigorous pressure along the whole front of the Aisne Canal, which we crossed at several places, and advanced as far as the outskirts of Bernicourt.

The number of prisoners counted during the past five days exceeds 2,500. We have taken 31 guns, including 20 heavy guns of which five are 210 mm.

Lively attacks by the French and Americans in Champagne and their advances yesterday in the direction of the Arnes, forced the enemy, who was threatened with having his left turned, to evacuate precipitately the eastern part of the mountain region.

Our troops in the western sector of the Suippe are on the heels of the enemy rear-guards and reached during the night the heights 800 kilometres south-east of Moronvillers.

South of Moronvillers we smashed up a counter-attack against a Cretan-Soudanese, retaining all our gains. The Germans, who were heavily reinforced, are disputing the ground along the entire Orfeuil-Moronvillers front with extreme obstinacy.

DIFFICULT AMERICAN ADVANCE.

London, Oct. 5.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters shows that yesterday's American advance, which was well supported by gas, artillery and aeroplanes, met with the most determined resistance. Progress after the first objectives were reached was slow owing to the great artillery and machine-gun fire.

The advance was considerably held up before the pivotal position of Romagne.

ENCOURAGING BELGIAN REPORT.

London, Oct. 5.

A Belgian communiqué, dated Oct. 4, says:—

The Anglo-Belgian-French attack of the 28th ult. conquered the whole of Flanders Ridge in forty-eight hours.

Local actions since, aimed at freeing the approaches to the Ridge, have resulted in an advance of 14 kilometres on a front of 40. They have completely freed Ypres and permitted occupation of the Lys river between Arras and Werwick.

Ten thousand five hundred prisoners, including 200 officers, have been counted, also 350 guns, 200 trench mortars and 600 machine-guns.

The British Navy and British airmen powerfully contributed to the victory.

ENEMY'S CONTEMPLATED NEW LINE.

London, Oct. 5.

A Paris semi-official message concerning the enemy's retreat south of Lille, says it appears that he contemplates following the line of the La Deule Canal as far as Douai and the line of the Senece as far as the Scheldt.

German Headquarters have shown that they recognise the necessity of securing protection against the Tanks by establishing a line behind the waterways. The question is whether they will be able to maintain the new positions.

ENEMY EVACUATING FLANDERS COAST.

London, Oct. 5.

Frontier Correspondents confirm that the evacuation of the coast of Flanders is proceeding. The Germans are hurriedly removing material, gas, provisions, etc., from numerous villages. They are also removing huge stores of provisions from Ghent to Germany.

Some reports state that the Bruges docks are in flames.

MARSHAL FOCH'S BIRTHDAY.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S TRIBUTE.

London, Oct. 4.

Mr. Lloyd George, in birthday congratulations to Marshal Foch, said:—

"I do not know which I admire most, your wonderful genius of leadership or the undaunted courage and unshakable faith in victory you have displayed during the whole of the war."

Marshal Foch replied: "I do not forget that it is to your persistent confidence that I owe my present position. This trust and your nation's trust are a powerful support."

GERMAN VANDALISM.

Paris, Oct. 5.

M. Ringier, Deputy for St. Quentin, who has visited the town, states that the Germans destroyed by fire and dynamite the spinning mills, lace factories and metal works.

The bombardment continues. A number of houses have been destroyed and furniture removed. All public monuments, fountains and statues are defaced. The cathedral was destroyed by the explosion of a munition dump, but the Town Hall and theatre are seriously damaged.

A German officer who was ordered to completely destroy the town was taken prisoner at the moment he was about to do so.

GERMANY MUST PAY.

Paris, Oct. 5.

M. Clemenceau, in the course of a letter referring to the bombing of the Châlons-sur-Marne hospitals, after mentioning some of Germany's various crimes, says:—

"In the fury of defeat she is destroying our cities, homes, sacred monuments, art and industry, even our trees. In fifty months she has contracted a crushing weight of debt. This debt she shall pay."

FRENCH REPRISALS.

Paris, Oct. 5.

An official message states:—

Referring to the enemy's carrying out his threat to utterly devastate the occupied territory if forced to leave it, the French Government in a statement recapitulates the crimes of which the Germans have been guilty and solemnly warns the German Government and people that it will hold them responsible morally, judicially and financially. It adds that it is now communicating with the Allies on the subject.

The French Government further warns Austria that if it carries out the threat to put to death airmen dropping leaflets or even carrying them, the same penalties will be applied to double the number of Austrian officers.

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The Cautious One: After the first six months I gave up guessing when the war would end.

Optimist: I'll betcha.

The Cautious One: Don't worry old man, I never bet.

Optimist: Look here, I'll bet you a War Bond ticket; half of that is a contribution to War Charities.

The Cautious One: Well, as far as such a good purpose, I don't mind breaking a principle, but we ought to put up the money between us for the ticket now for the War Bond Drawing will be over by the end of the year, the loser to pay the winner \$2.50 when the time comes. What date shall we play?

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 5.)

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

BRITISH ADVANCE.

London, Oct. 5.

An Italian official message says:—The British broke into the lines at Ave on the Asiago Plateau and destroyed the defensive works and took 150 prisoners.

The enemy attacked northward of Grappa on Mount Solero, the front-head of the Stizzone Valley. He got a foothold in our post at Malgaville, suffering heavy losses.

Air activity was intense. We brought down four aeroplanes.

ITALIANS ADVANCE IN ALBANIA.

In Albania we passed Ljesnat.

ITALIAN SUCCESSES IN MACEDONIA.

In Macedonia the surrender of the Bulgarians facing our positions on the Monastir-Kicevo road began on Thursday.

One hundred and ninety-one officers, of whom two are brigades, commanders and four regimental commanders, and 7,218 of other ranks are already counted; also eight guns, 70 machine-guns and other material.

THE PALESTINE OFFENSIVE.

OVER 70,000 PRISONERS.

London, Oct. 5.

A Palestine official message states:—The general situation is unchanged. Our cavalry northward and westward of Damascus is clearing the country.

We have taken over 15,000 prisoners. Since Sept. 18th, we have captured 71,000 prisoners and 350 guns. King Hussein's Arabs took an additional 3,000. Included in these figures are several Turkish commanders and 3,200 Austrians and Germans.

THE GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

DR. SOLF APPOINTED FOREIGN SECRETARY.

Copenhagen, Oct. 5.

A Berlin official message reports that Dr. Solf has been appointed Foreign Secretary.

He continues as Minister for the Colonies during the war.

VIEWS IN AMERICA.

Washington, Oct. 5.

The composition of the new German Cabinet is generally interpreted here as a desperate effort by the Prussian militarists to hoodwink the Senate and German people into a belief in the democratization of Germany. It is predicted that Germany is about to make a new peace proposal disguised under the most attractive democratic programme. It is pointed out, however, that as the Government is not responsible to the Reichstag and Herr Scheideemann and Herr Gumbel are without power and without portfolio, the Junkers are still in actual control.

TRANSPORT OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

STRIKING FIGURES.

London, Oct. 5.

Striking figures respecting the transport of American troops to Europe show that the total up to Sept. 30th was 1,750,000, of whom British ships carried approximately 1,000,000.

Seventy per cent. of the work of conveying was performed by the British Navy.

During Sept. 311,000 Americans, 3,000 Canadians and 4,000 American machine-guns were transported to Europe. Half of these Americans landed in France and the remainder in England. The largest single convoy from the United States came in September. It numbered over 31,000. The previous record was 29,000.

The figures emphasize the enormous contribution America is making, the strength of the British Navy and the failure of the much vaunted U-Boat armaments to prevent the arrival of the American Army.

GERMAN COAL FOR HOLLAND.

PRICES RAISED.

Amsterdam, Oct. 2.

It is officially announced that the prices of coal, of which Germany agreed to supply Holland with 120,000 tons monthly for five months, has been raised by 45 guilders a ton, making the average pithead price 90 guilders per ton.

Holland also gives Germany credit of 30 guilders for every ton supplied.

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THE BULGARIAN SITUATION.

FERDINAND'S ABDICATION REPORTED.

BASLE, Oct. 5.

A Vienna message dated 4th inst. says it is reported that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria abdicated yesterday in favour of Prince Boris, who has assumed power.

THE REPORT CONFIRMED.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 5.

Vienna officially confirms the abdication of King Ferdinand and the succession of Prince Boris.

A SERBIAN SUCCESS.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

A Serbian communiqué states:—We repulsed Austro-German reinforcements on Oct. 4, and pursued them towards the old Serbian-Turkish frontier, taking 100 prisoners.

THE AUSTRIAN PEACE NOTE.

REPORTED BRITISH REPLY.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 5.

The *Reiniger Tagblatt* publishes a message from Vienna which states that the British reply to Count Burian's Peace Note was received in Vienna on September 30th. It requests Austria to specify her peace proposals more precisely.

A CLUMSY PEACE OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Referring to assertions of the Vienna Correspondents of the *Berliner Tagblatt* and *Munichener Neueste Nachrichten* that the British reply to Count Burian's peace note was received at Vienna on September 30th and requested Austria-Hungary to specify her proposals more precisely, the *Reiniger Tagblatt* says the assertions are untrue. "We are in a position to state that Mr. Balfour's speech of Sept. 1st is the only reply which Britain has given to the Austrian Note." The *Reiniger Tagblatt* describes the assertions as excellent examples of the clumsy peace offensive now in full blast, and adds that enquiries in diplomatic circles last evening failed to elicit any confirmation whatever of the assertion of the *Berliner Tagblatt*'s Vienna Correspondent that Holland at the instance of Austria-Hungary had despatched invitations to a peace conference.

ANOTHER VIENNA REPORT DENIED.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 5.

The Foreign Office states that there is not a word of truth in the Vienna reports that Holland has invited the belligerents to negotiate.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4.

The *Nieuwe Zeitung* announces the inauguration of a German Propaganda Ministry.

Apparently this is the sequel to widespread complaints in Germany against the efficiency of British propaganda.

GERMAN CONTROL OF RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 3.

Berlin announces that the battleship *Falgut*, with other units completed in war time, are now under German control protecting the Black Sea and the straits.

This step is taken in agreement with the Moscow Government.

BRITISH STEAMER IN COLLISION.

ELDER-DEMPTER LINER SUNK.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

A British steamer collided on Oct. 3rd with the steamer *Bertha*, which sank immediately.

Forty-one survivors, including a lady, were landed.

NEW COTTON COMBINATION.

LONDON, Oct. 3.

The *Times* states that a new combination in the cotton spinning trade, involving over a million spindles, is being formed. Apparently a big London financial syndicate is concerned. It is understood that, so far, a definite agreement for purchases of the whole controlling interest has been reached only in connection with four Lancashire firms, comprising 667,000 spindles.

THE LONDON NEWSPAPER DEAL.

SYNDICATE TO SUPPORT PEELE.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

The *Saturday Review*, writing prior to the announcement of Sir Henry Dail's purchase of the United Newspapers, Ltd., said the *Daily Chronicle* had been sold to a syndicate formed to support Mr. Lloyd George.

The price is nearly a million sterling.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Oct. 5.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company's Silver Report states:—The market continues good, with fair enquiry for manufacture. After recording to 5s. 3d. official China exchange, the market has risen to 5s. 4d. The Indian silver holding has risen from 1,342 to 2,150 lakhs in the last seven weeks.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

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OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN OCTOBER.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Nights ends and begins during the month of Oct., 1918:

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Oct. 7th. 6.5 a.m.	8.17 p.m.	8.17 p.m.
" 8th. 6.6 "	8.16 "	8.16 "
" 9th. 6.6 "	8.15 "	8.15 "
" 10th. 6.6 "	8.14 "	8.14 "
" 11th. 6.6 "	8.13 "	8.13 "
" 12th. 6.7 "	8.12 "	8.12 "
" 13th. 6.7 "	8.11 "	8.11 "
" 14th. 6.8 "	8.10 "	8.10 "
" 15th. 6.8 "	8.9 "	8.9 "
" 16th. 6.9 "	8.8 "	8.8 "
" 17th. 6.9 "	8.7 "	8.7 "
" 18th. 6.9 "	8.6 "	8.6 "
" 19th. 6.9 "	8.5 "	8.5 "
" 20th. 6.10 "	8.4 "	8.4 "
" 21st. 6.11 "	8.3 "	8.3 "
" 22nd. 6.11 "	8.2 "	8.2 "
" 23rd. 6.11 "	8.1 "	8.1 "
" 24th. 6.11 "	8.0 "	8.0 "
" 25th. 6.12 "	7.59 "	7.59 "
" 26th. 6.12 "	7.58 "	7.58 "
" 27th. 6.12 "	7.57 "	7.57 "
" 28th. 6.13 "	7.56 "	7.56 "
" 29th. 6.14 "	7.55 "	7.55 "
" 30th. 6.15 "	7.54 "	7.54 "

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of the automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Teui during the years 1902-6.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet to the height given in the table.

October 8th to 14th, 1918.

Time.	High Water.	Low Water.
Oct. 8	10.10 a.m.	4.55 p.m.
" 9	11.00 a.m.	3.55 p.m.
" 10	11.50 a.m.	2.55 p.m.
" 11	12.40 p.m.	1.55 p.m.
" 12	1.30 p.m.	1.00 p.m.
" 13	2.20 p.m.	10.00 a.m.
" 14	3.10 p.m.	9.00 a.m.

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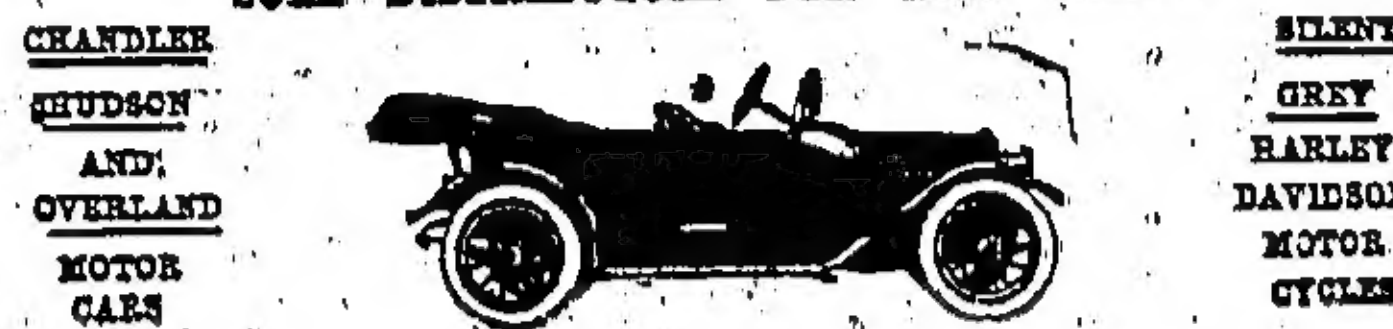
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER, 1918.

INWARD MAILS.

Europe via Negapatam, etc. Wednesday, 9th, Oct.
Java via Sourabaya Saturday, 10th, Oct.
Straits Saturday, 10th, Oct.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

FOR	DATE	TIME
Haiphong	Tuesday, 8th.	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Tuesday, 8th.	11.00 A.M.
Java via Sourabaya	Tuesday, 8th.	Noon.
Hohow	Tuesday, 8th.	5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Wednesday, 9th.	8.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe and Honolulu	(Wednesday, 9th.) Registration Letters	8.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Wednesday, 9th.	5.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard, Hohow and Haiphong	Thursday, 10th.	9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Thursday, 10th.	10.00 A.M.
Formosa via Keelung, Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver	(Thursday, 10th.) Registration Letters	8.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Thursday, 10th.	Noon.
Shanghai and North China	Thursday, 10th.	Noon.
Philippine Islands	Friday, 11th.	2.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung	Saturday, 12th.	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Saturday, 12th.	2.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Tuesday, 15th.	11.00 A.M.

* Superscribed correspondence only.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

SHARE QUOTATIONS

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 7th OCTOBER, 1918.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS.	
Hongkong Bank, \$100 b.	600 sa.
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Canton Ins.	\$250 n.
North China Ins.	\$389 n.
Union Ins.	\$190 n.
Yonggwa Ins.	\$190 n.
Far Easterns	\$1.20 b.
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fire Ins.	\$140 b.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	\$530 n.
SHIPPING.	
H.R. Steamboats	\$22.50 b. 22.50 sa.
Indo-China (Def.)	\$30 b.
Do. (Def.) \$160 b. 1.71 sa.	
Shell Transports	\$116/8 n.
Star Ferries	\$86 b. 28 sa.
RYMER'S.	
China Sugars	\$83 b.
Malacca Sugars	\$38 n.
MINE.	
Kailan Mining Adm.	47/8 b.
Langkats	\$173 n.
Rauha	\$212 n.
Tenoch Mines	\$34 b.
Ural Caspian	27/8 n.
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H. & K. Wharfs	\$89 sa.
H. & W. Docks	\$153 3/4 n.
Shai Docks	\$140 n.
New Engineering	\$140 n.
Yanggwa & Buildings.	\$140 n.
CENTRAL ESTATES	\$100 n.
Hongkong Hotels	\$90 n.
Hongkong Land	\$97 n.
Humphreys	\$72 1/2 n.
Kowloon Land	\$72 n.
West Point	\$72 n.
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewo Cottons	T. 200 n.
Kung Yiks	816 n.
Leau Kung Mows	\$124 b.
Oriental Cottons	\$111 b.
Shanghai Cottons	\$145 n.
Yanggwa	\$8.40 b.
MICELLANEOUS.	
Cement	\$8.60 sa.
China-Borneo	\$10.50 b.
China Lights	\$2.75 b.
China-Providents	\$7.50 b. 7.50 sa.
Dairy Farms	\$27 1/2 n. d.
H.R. Electric	\$80 b.
Macau Ho.	\$411 n.
Hongkong Ropes	\$303 b.
H.K. Tramways	\$87 b.
Peak Tramways	\$87 b.
Go. (New)	\$70 b.
Steam Laundries	\$134 n.
H.E. Steel Foundries	\$123 n.
Water-works	\$123 n.
Watsons	\$5.50 b.
Powells	\$8.00 b.
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SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

MESSRS. FRASER AND CO.'S QUOTATIONS.

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Ayer Hiam (\$5)	11.00	12.50
Ayer Kuning (\$1)	.95	1.05
Ayer Molek (\$1)	1.45	1.70
Ayer Panas (\$5)	3.00	3.50
Batuang (\$1)	4.00	4.50
Batuang (\$1)	0.80	0.90
Batu Lintang (\$10)	10.00	12.00
Bukit Jelutong (\$1)	1.00	1.25pm
Bukit Katil (\$1)	0.40	0.60
Bukit Kepong (\$5)	0.70	0.80
Bukit K. B. (\$1)	2.50	2.80
Bukit Timah (\$10)	0.50	0.65
Changkat Sidiang (\$5)	5.25	5.75
Glenlynn P. n. (\$1)	1.50	1.70
Haytor (\$5)	7.00	7.5